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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC)

1. IOC IS A SEMI-AUTONOMOUS 99 MEMBER BODY ESTABLISHED  
BY UNESCO, WITH ITS PURPOSE QTE TO PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC  
INVESTIGATIONS WITH A VIEW TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE  
NATURE AND RESOURCES OF THE OCEANS THROUGH THE CONCERTED  
ACTION OF ITS MEMBERS. UNQTE.

2. A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF IOC'S STAFF AND FINANCING IS PROVIDED BY UNESCO, WHOSE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC) (24 OCT - 28 NOV) WILL BE CONSIDERING THE 1979-80 BIENNIUM BUDGET. OTHER SUPPORT IS PROVIDED BY OTHER U.N. AGENCIES (WMO, FAO, UNEP, UN, IMCO) OR MEMBER STATES BY SECOND-MENT OF PERSONNEL, PROVISION OF SERVICES, OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO IOC TRUST FUND.

3. THE TENTH SESSION OF THE IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC) AT ITS MEETING IN ROME 19-23 JUNE CONSIDERED THE SUPPORT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR 1979-80. DRAFT UNESCO BUDGET ALLOCATES \$4,855,200 TO MARINE SCIENCE, COVERING BOTH IOC AND UNESCO REGULAR PROGRAM, AN INCREASE OF 8 PERCENT (UNESCO OBJECTIVE 7.4 OF DOCUMENT 20 C/5). IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO IS PREPARED

TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET ITEM BY \$300,000 (THIS MIGHT BE PARED TO \$200,000), BUT ONLY IF MEMBER STATES EXPRESS A DESIRE TO DO SO. SINCE THIS WAS NOT A SPECIFIC EC AGENDA ITEM, EC MEMBERS DID NOT HAVE A MANDATE TO MAKE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO THE DG, BUT GENERALLY FELT THAT SUCH AN INCREASE WAS DESIRABLE. THEY AGREED TO STRESS THIS TO THEIR UNESCO GC DELEGATIONS AND TO EXPLORE WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS THE POSSIBILITY OF CO-SPONSORING A GC RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT. THE PHILIPPINE DEL AGREED TO EXPLORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH GOP TAKING THE LEAD IN INTRODUCING SUCH A RESOLUTION. IOC SECRETARY WAS REQUESTED TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENTS, WHICH HE HAS NOW DONE AND CIRCULATED (TEXT IN PARA 5 BELOW). HE NOTES THAT UNDER UNESCO RULES ANY SUCH RESOLUTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO UNESCO BY 8 AUGUST.

4. U.S. HAS NOT RPT NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER WE WILL CO-SPONSOR. IN CONSIDERING THIS MATTER, WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHETHER PHILIPPINES HAS DECIDED TAKE THE LEAD, AND WHETHER SELECTED OTHER EC MEMBERS HAVE DECIDED TO CO-SPONSOR?

FYI EC REPS WERE:

PHILIPPINES - PROF. INOCENCIO A. RONQUILLO, BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

AUSTRALIA - DR. DAVID J. ROCHFORD, CSIRO, CRONULLA

COLOMBIA - CAPT. GUSTAVO ANGEL M. (IOC 4TH VICE CHAIRMAN)  
COMISION COLOMBIANA DE OCEANOGRAFIA

EGYPT - PROF. A. R. BOYOUMI, INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY  
AND FISHERIES

FRANCE - MLE, M.A. MARTIN-SANE, FONOFF

FRG - PROF. H. U. ROLL, GERMAN COMMITTEE FOR MARINE  
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, HAMBURG (EGBERT H. KRAHE, FONOFF,  
MEMBER OF DEL)

INDIA - DR. S. Z. QASIM, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEAN-  
OGRAPHY, GOA

JAPAN - PROF. TOSHIYUKI HIRANO, U. OF TOKYO  
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KENYA - MR. NORBERT ODERO, DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES

MEXICO - ING. OCTAVIO A. DIAZ GONZALEZ, DIRECCION GENERAL

DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGIA DEL MAR (DR. A. AYALA-CASTANARES  
IS IOC CHAIRMAN)

NORWAY - PROF. ULF LIE, U. OF BERGEN

USSR - DR. E. I. TOLSTIKOV, HYDROMET

U.K. - DR. PETER F. G. TWINN, NERC

(FOR OTTAWA - WE ARE TALKING TO NEIL CAMPBELL DIRECTLY.)

5. BEGIN TEXT

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE,

"NOTING" THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
HAS STRESSED VARIATIONS ON THE THEME THAT "UNESCO, AWARE  
OF THE GROWING CHALLENGE FACING MANKIND IN THE RATIONAL  
MANAGEMENT OF THE RESOURCES OF THE OCEANS, IS DETERMINED  
TO STRENGTHEN ITS ACTION STILL MORE, IN PARTICULAR, BY  
PROVIDING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION  
WITH MORE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE, BETTER SUITED TO THE NEW  
CONDITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION" 8DOC. SC/MD/60,  
ANNEX III C, ADDRESS BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO THE IOC  
ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SESSION, PARIS, 27 OCTOBER - 10  
NOVEMBER 1977,

"NOTING FURTHER" THAT THE MARINE SCIENCE ACTIVITIES OF  
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UNESCO AND ITS IOC HAVE BEEN ACCORDED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY BY THE MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE RESPONDED TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S QUESTIONNAIRES IN 1975 AND 1977,

"RECALLING THAT SUBSEQUENT TO AN IN-DEPTH STUDY CARRIED OUT BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN 1975 (DOC. 97 EX/2 AND ADD), THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: "RECOMMENDED THAT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION REMAIN AN INTEGRAL PART OF UNESCO, BUT THAT THE PRESENT FUNCTIONS OF ITS SECRETARIAT, "AS A SPECIALIZED MECHANISM IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE MARINE SCIENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, BE DEVELOPED FURTHER". THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE SO STRUCTURED AS TO BE ABLE, WITH REGARD TO THE MARINE SCIENCES, TO PLAY AN APPROPRIATE AND SPECIFIC ROLE RESULTING FROM FORTHCOMING SESSIONS OF THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA; AND

"RECOMMENDED" FURTHER THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN THE STAFF OF THE TWO UNITS (IOC SECRETARIAT AND UNESCO

DIVISION OF MARINE SCIENCES), IN PARTICULAR THAT OF THE IOC SECRETARIAT, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO FACE THE GROWING RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO THE CO-ORDINATION OF EXTENDED PROGRAMMES FOR MARINE RESEARCH, MARINE POLLUTION, THE EXCHANGE OF DATA AND INFORMATION, ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE LAW OF THE SEA AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINE SCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE (97 EX/DECISION 3.1.1(A), TOPIC (III); MARINE SCIENCES, MAY 1975),

"RECALLING FURTHER" THAT IN THE DEBATES BOTH IN PLENARY AND IN THE PX COMMISSION ON THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1979-1980 (DOC. 20 C/5) AT THE 104TH SESSION ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, VERY STRONG SUPPORT WAS EXPRESSED BY NUMEROUS MEMBER STATES FOR THE ACTIVITIES UNDER OBJECTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7.4 AND THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE STATES CALLED FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE ACTIVITIES OF UNESCO AND ITS IOC IN THIS FIELD,

"NOTING WITH DISMAY" THAT THE 8 PERCENT INCREASE IN REGULAR PROGRAMME FUNDING FOR OBJECTIVE 7.4 "OCEANS AND COASTAL MARINE SYSTEMS", FOR THE BIENNIUM 1979-1980

(DOC. 20 C/5, PARA 2435) IS ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE SCIENCE SECTOR AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT REFLECT THE URGENT NEED OF MEMBER STATES TO INCREASE THEIR EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR MARINE ENVIRONMENT NOR THE REPEATED REQUESTS THAT THE COMMISSION HAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO THESE NEEDS,

"DRAWING ATTENTION" TO THE FACT THAT CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT IS PROVIDED TO THE IOC SECRETARIAT BY THE MEMBER STATES THROUGH EXTRA BUDGETARY FUNDS AND BY THE ICSPRO AGENCIES OTHER THAN UNESCO (UN, FAO, WMO, IMCO) I.E. APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF ITS STAFF AND 35 PERCENT OF ITS OPERATIONAL BUDGET,

"AUTHORIZES" AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 TO BE ALLOCATED TO OBJECTIVE 7.4, TO ENSURE THAT THE EXPRESSION OF GOOD FAITH BY THE AFORE-STATED MEMBER STATES AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IS APPROPRIATELY ACKNOWLEDGED AND THAT THE COMBINED INCREASE IN FUNDING MEETS THE MINIMAL NEEDS ANTICIPATED FOR EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARINE SCIENCE OBJECTIVES IN THE FORTHCOMING BIENNium

"DECIDES" THAT THESE SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS SHALL BE USED TO ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT MORE EFFECTIVELY THOSE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE IOC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SESSION AS OF HIGH PRIORITY (DOC. IOC-X/20) AND THE DIVISION OF MARINE SCIENCES TO CARRY

OUT THOSE PROGRAMMES ON WHICH THE IOC HAS MADE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROVIDED TECHNICAL GUIDANCE AS TO THEIR FORMULATION AND EXECUTION, AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER ARTICLE 2(H) OF THE IOC STATUTES (RESOLUTION 2.343 OF THE 16TH GENERAL CONFERENCE). END TEXT

6. ACTION: AN INITIAL RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS POSED PARA 4 WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY JULY 21, WITH A FINAL RESPONSE BY AUG. 4. WE WILL FORWARD U.S. DECISION ON CO-SPONSORSHIP AS SOON AS IT IS MADE. CHRISTOPHER

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